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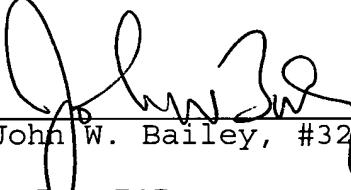
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Further to the USPTO's communication of January 2, 2003, Applicants wish to again respond to the Examiner's prior Restriction Requirement, and affirm the prior election of both invention and species set forth in the response of October 30, 2002.

REMARKS

Specifically, Applicants elect, with traverse, invention I (claims 1-10 and 13). Further, for purposes of instituting a search, Applicants elect the species I (claims 3-4), which are drawn to a poly(phenylene ether) repeating unit.